

**Island Energy Plan Committee
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:00 noon**

Present: Chair Peter Baute, Ken Lacoste, Kevin Hoyt, Scott Comings, Barbara MacMullan and John Warfel. Committee members Sam Bird and Russell Littlefield were absent. Also present were Town Planner Jane Weidman, Block Island Recycling Management Owner Sean McGarry, Electric Utility Task Group member Bill Penn, Water Superintendent Dave Simmons and for the recording of minutes, Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Baute at 12:04 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from June 9, 2010 & July 14, 2010 Meetings

Mr. Lacoste made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2010 as submitted. Mr. Comings seconded the motion and it carried.

6 Ayes (Baute, Lacoste, Hoyt, Warfel, Comings, MacMullen) 0 Nays

Mr. Comings made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2010 as submitted. Mr. Lacoste seconded the motion and it carried.

6 Ayes (Baute, Lacoste, Hoyt, Warfel, Comings, MacMullen) 0 Nays

Review Energy Component progress so far, work in progress and elements to be completed: Weidman

Ms. Weidman reviewed the Background segment concentrating on the Solid Waste section and the Water Use section. Under the Solid Waste section, it was suggested that the scheduled closing of the Johnston Land Fill be included. The following suggestions were made regarding the Water Use section:

- Add a reference under costs regarding the usage of kw hours for future comparisons.
- Add info requiring exploration of improved energy efficiencies in wastewater treatment.

Mr. Hoyt volunteered to do a write-up regarding sewer treatment processes.

Bill Penn noted that water usage guidelines will be coming out soon from the RI Water Resources Board and there may be some useful information included.

Later in the meeting, Ms. MacMullan stated that the details regarding the off-shore wind farm should be generalized and not specifically refer to Deep Water Wind.

Waste Management: Discussion to include Sam Bird, Representative from Waste Options, Inc., Bill Penn, Sean McGarry

Bill Penn presented a financial matrix regarding composting sludge using a closed system, such as an Ag-Bag. He noted that the project would make sense from a financial

standpoint. Sean McGarry of Block Island Recycling Management stated that he would be in favor of such a project, but he had the following concerns: permitting, pests, leachate seasonal availability of waste products, lack of a market for the end product. Discussion ensued. It was noted that a demonstration project was worth exploring.

Plans for September Meeting

For next month:

- Water Superintendent Dave Simmons will review and add to the Water Usage section.
- Residential turbines section needs to be worked on.
- Dr. Baute and John Warfel will work on the solar background section.

Mr. Lacoste made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. MacMullan, with all in favor.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: October 13, 2010